

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 121

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor the Tennessee Association of Christian Schools for its dedication and excellence in Christian education.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those organizations that, through an unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves as leaders in education; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable organization is the Tennessee Association of Christian Schools; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1972, the Tennessee Association of Christian Schools (TACS) was formed to provide an organization by which Christian schools in Tennessee could obtain Christian guidance and educational services to maintain and enhance their academic and spiritual credibility; and

WHEREAS, the founding officers were Roger Ellison, Jerry Tetreau, and Tommy Smith; current administrators include Executive Director Dr. Charles Walker, Assistant Executive Director Tony Walker, President Dr. Jack Scallions, Vice President Dr. Mike Norris, Secretary Dr. Clayton Hunt, and Treasurer Pastor August P. Koster, III; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Association of Christian Schools assists Christian schools by providing professional services to achieve the primary purpose of a Christian education: academic excellence and conforming young lives to the image of the Lord Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, TACS currently consists of thirty-eight member schools with more than 7,000 students in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, working tirelessly to improve Christian education in Tennessee, TACS provides exemplary school services, administrator/teacher services, and student services to member schools; and

WHEREAS, TACS school services include programs for monitoring state legislation, teacher improvement, accreditation, curricular initiatives, school improvement, Category II and Agency approval, preschool evaluation, the Speaker's Bureau, financial and educational consultant services, a quarterly newsletter, and a web site; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Association of Christian Schools' administrator/teacher services include annual State Educators' Conventions, Regional Teachers' Clinics, Legislative Days, and Preschool Education Conventions; other services include, the Teacher Cadet Training Program, the Teacher Certification Program, the Teacher Placement Service, the Curriculum Resource Center, and Curriculum Publications; and

WHEREAS, TACS student services include a state-wide achievement testing program, District and State Bible, Fine Arts, and Academic competitions, a State Honor Society, Honor Society retreats, and State Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Golf, Baseball, and Softball tournaments; and

WHEREAS, active in the Tennessee General Assembly, TACS works to preserve the freedom of Christian schools to exist as an alternative to public and private schools; TACS also works to establish and maintain a non-intrusive relationship with the Tennessee Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, through a steadfast commitment to educational excellence by faculty members and parents, the member schools of the Tennessee Association of Christian Schools have achieved outstanding academic success and have produced some of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, the dedication demonstrated by all the fine individuals affiliated with Tennessee Association of Christian Schools is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the administration and member schools of the Tennessee Association of Christian Schools for their commitment to academic excellence

and Christian principles and wish this estimable organization every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.